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Office Action Summary	Examiner	Art Unit				
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Status						
 Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 January 2006. This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final. Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213. 						
Disposition of Claims						
 4) Claim(s) 9,11,13-15,17-20,22-25,27-30,32-35 and 37-39 is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration. 5) Claim(s) 39 is/are allowed. 6) Claim(s) 9,11,13-15,17-20,22-25,27-30,32-35, 37 and 38 is/are rejected. 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. 						
Application Papers						
 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner. 10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d). 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152. 						
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119						
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents 2. Certified copies of the priority documents 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priori application from the International Bureau * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of	have been received. have been received in Application ity documents have been received (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).	on No ed in this National	Stage			
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DETAILED ACTION

Any rejections and/or objections, made in the previous Office Action, and not repeated below, are hereby withdrawn.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 9, 11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kasori et al. (US 4,768,859).

Kasori et al. discloses a glass composition having overlapping ranges of components with the glass composition recited in instant claims 9 and 13. See the abstract. Overlapping ranges have been held to establish *prima facie* obviousness. See MPEP 2144.05.

As to claim 11, one of ordinary skill in the art would expect that the overlapping portions of the compositional ranges of the glass of the reference would have the claimed properties.

Claims 14, 15, 17-20, 22-25, 27-30, 32-35, 37, and 38 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Beguin et al. (WO 98/30507).

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Beguin et al. discloses a glass composition having overlapping ranges of components with the glass composition recited in instant claims 14, 15, 17-20, 22-25, 27-30, 32-35, 37, and 38. See the abstract and page 3, lines 12-24. Overlapping ranges have been held to establish *prima facie* obviousness. See MPEP 2144.05.

As to the property recitations of instant claims 14, 19, 24, 29, and 34, one of ordinary skill in the art would expect that the overlapping portions of the compositional ranges of the glass of the reference would have the claimed properties.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim January 30, 2006 have been considered but are most in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 39 is allowed. The prior art fails to disclose or suggest a method of providing an Iline stepper with a glass in which the glass has the recited composition.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO

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MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Sample whose telephone number is (571)272-1376. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry Lorengo can be reached on (572)272-1233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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David Sample Primary Examiner Art Unit 1755